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FALL OF THE IRON BRIDGE AND DREADFUL CRASH ON THE NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.

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HUDSON RIVER, Aug. 1, 1850.

The most frightful view I ever beheld, was this morning, between 4 and 5 o'clock, at what is called the iron bridge, between Narrowsburg and Lackawaxen, on the New York and Erie Railroad. This bridge gave way yesterday about half-past 12 o'clock, as the morning freight train, going east, was crossing. The express had passed but a short time before.

As the locomotive of the freight train came on the bridge, it began to settle; and the engineer put on all possible steam, and by the increased power succeed in reaching the opposite stone abutment, but the effort threw the engine from the track, which alone saved it from being drawn back into the general ruin.

The bridge fell immediately, precipitating the next car into the abyss. The bridge was about 60 feet in length, and the ravine some 25 feet deep. A stream of water ran in a flood under the bridge, and a saw mill just below. The disastrous occurrence presented some thrillingly awful scenes. One hundred and thirteen beesves, five hundred and thirty-nine hogs, and one hundred and sixty sheep were, by the breaking of the bridge, precipitated into the ravine.—There were seventeen cars beside the engine.

The scene, just after the accident had occurred, is described, by those who witnessed it, as being piteous in the extreme, and horrible to behold. There were noble oxen writhing in tortures, and making the whole mass active by their throes, made in the vain endeavor to extricate themselves; some with their horns broken off, some with their backs broken, and some only held fast by masses of the ruin being piled upon their limbs.—Their cries are represented as having been at the same time heart-rending and hideous. Some, mad with pain, their eyes starting from their sockets with rage, seemed bent on wreaking vengeance on whatever object was nearest to them. Others, subdued by their sufferings, moaned and seemed to implore release. The sheep simply bleated, and the few of them that happened to escape, went quietly to nibbling grass by the roadside. Quite differently the swine.—They were belligerent, and those beneath the ruins fought with each other as long as there was life in them, while the more lucky ones that escaped made for the woods, as if flying from some impending danger. As soon as the momentary panic had subsided, the men who had escaped injury set to work to relieve their companions. It was soon ascertained that Randall and the blacksmith Tice, were near each other, and were both alive and by no means despairing. Soon Randall's voice was heard. He called out for water and washed his hand, which was at length seen. A linen handkerchief was saturated with water and put into his hand. He withdrew his hand, exhausted the moisture and returned the handkerchief to sight again. It was now found that a powerful ox, fuming with rage, and throwing his head around in agony, would prevent the men from working in the immediate vicinity. The animal could not possibly be extricated, and it was necessary to shoot him to prevent him from doing mischief. The ox was therefore, shot, and it is supposed that in his death struggle he caused the death of Randall, as it was subsequently found that the creature's hind foot was on his person. The same ox lay partly across Tice, the blacksmith; both were dead when extricated. Randall was about thirty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and four children. His body was confined and sent to his friends in the western part of New York. Tice, it is thought, was not married; he lived near Port Jervis, and his body was also conveyed to his friends. Mr. Bryant saw that every possible attention was paid to the remains of his assistant, young Clapp. He lies now in a quiet and beautiful little churchyard near the scene of the accident.

Randall behaved costly and bravely while he lived. He did not despair but conversed as well as he could. At one time, when his friends were cutting with an axe, he said: "Be careful, men, don't chop my head; you're cutting too near my head." He did not murmur nor grow peevish. Tice, the blacksmith, also departed himself manfully. His arm was broken, but he kept up good spirits as long as his strength remained.—They died about three o'clock, but their bodies were not released till eleven.

A WOMAN OF A THOUSAND.

A correspondent of the New York Commercial instances a remarkable display of genuine patriotism, by the wife of a gentleman who at one time kept a restaurant in that city:

"If you would like to see a sight worth seeing, go and take your lunch at 'Gosling's American and French Restaurant,' 17 Nassau street. You will find there behind the lunch table, waiting on the guests with modest dignity, and cheerful assiduity, a fine looking rosy-cheeked black-haired female, a specimen of perfect health and cheerfulness, and younger in appearance than the vast majority of women at forty. This is the wife of the host—the mother of 24 children—the eldest of whom is 32, and the youngest two years old; 13 of whom, with 10 grandchildren, are still living; she rises every morning at five and does the marketing for this great establishment; and during several of the busiest hours of the day, sees that the guests are properly waited on and attended to. She confesses to 48 years, but without the confession she would not be deemed guilty of forty. Had she lived in the days of ancient Rome, she would have been entitled to, and would have received the honors of the Republic, and certainly it cannot be misplaced to bestow this brief notice on one who has contributed so many citizens to her country, and whose good conduct in her daily walk in life, and modest demeanor and cheerful efforts to aid the partner of her home, present so useful an example for imitation."

FREDERICK DOUGLASS was mobbed in Columbus, Ohio lately, and barely escaped with his life.

THE CHOLERA THROUGHOUT THE WEST.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 6.—A meeting is about to be held in this city to devise sanitary measures relative to the cholera, as numbers of cases and deaths continue to occur daily. The victims, however, are mostly people who are living in a filthy and abandoned condition.

BIRMINGHAM, Pa., Aug. 6.—Several cases of cholera are reported to have occurred here, and also along the canal. There is considerable excitement on the subject, as last year the disease was quite fatal here.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 6.—Alarming reports of the spreading of the cholera throughout the country continue to be received, but here there are a few deaths.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 6.—The deaths by cholera in this city yesterday were only 6, though there were a number from dysentery, diarrhea, &c.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE OF PROFESSOR WEBSTER.—We have just learned of some facts which go far to show the utter falsity of Professor Webster's confession as to the disposition of Dr. Parkman's body, and by which he attempted to show his want of premeditation in the killing. A student at the Medical College has this morning, for the first time, disclosed that at the time of the murder, while he was in the dissecting room entry, he distinctly heard sounds of something being dragged over the stairs leading Professor Webster's lower laboratory—which he has now no doubt were thus produced by the descent of Dr. Parkman's body. An examination of the sink in the upper laboratory, described by Professor Webster as the one he used for the dismemberment of the body, demonstrates its positive incapacity for the purpose, it being of very small size. And furthermore, the hand hose which Professor Webster speaks of in his letter of explanation to the Council, as used by him to convey water to the said sink was this morning measured by Officer O. H. Spur, and found to be a couple of feet too short for that purpose.—*Boston Transcript*, July 31.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION.

Raleigh, N. C., August 5.

The returns thus far show that Reid, the Democratic candidate for Governor, has gained 12,700 votes, which places his election beyond a doubt. The Democrats have gained eight members of the Legislature. The Whigs have gained very short. The Democrats will carry the whole State—elect their Governor and have a majority in the Legislature.

CHOLERA.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 5.—The prevalence of the cholera in this city is beginning to create much alarm. From some unexplained cause we have no sanitary committee to report a correct list of deaths, though the cholera is evidently increasing. An undertaker told me this morning that there were as many as thirty interments on Sunday, (yesterday.) This is perhaps a slight exaggeration. The fatality appears to be confined principally among the Germans and poorer classes. The intemperate use of vegetables is the principal cause.

SOLD BY H. MASSEY, SUNBURY, AND OTHER DRUGGISTS IN THE U. S.

THE SPANISH PRINCE.—The body of the deceased infant Prince of Spain was embalmed, and placed in the royal chapel. Among the measures employed to preserve the life of the Prince were positions, baths of ether, inflation by bellows, and finally the placing of the body in the warm skin of a sheep which was killed in the royal chamber.

SARATOGA IS FULL.—The Albany Atlas says, that 1480 persons dined at the United States Hotel on Sunday last, and that Congress Hall, the Union, and other boarding houses, were, at the same time, filled to overflowing. There are 5,000 visitors at the place, many of whom, of course, are colonized at private houses.

WHEAT.—There is a limited demand; small sales of new red Southern at \$1 13; small grain at \$1 16.

RYE.—Rye is held at 65c per bushel.

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OATS.—Oats are still very scarce; sales of prime Pennia, from store at 50 cents; Southern are worth 46 a 47c.

WHISKEY.—Sales of Whiskey in bushels at 26c and hds at 25 cents.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

Aug. 6, 1850.

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THE MINUTE GUN AT SEA.—The royal mail steamship Canada, when about four hours out from Liverpool, met the Niagara, with the flag of the United States at half-mast at the fore. As the Canada appeared in sight the Niagara commenced firing minute guns. The two vessels then approached within speaking distance, and the mournful intelligence of the President's death was communicated to those on board the Canada. The news would be in London, probably, on the evening of the 20th, only eleven days after his decease, and without any previous warning of his illness.

THE CORN CROP IN NORTH CAROLINA.—The Norfolk Beacon learns that the corn crop has improved very much since the storm, and it is now thought that at least a half crop will be raised, if the weather continues favorable.

The following is the insertion upon the monument on the vault owned by Prof. W. Webster, on the Necropolis, Mt. Pleasant:

"Angel of death! did no passing sign Announce thy coming, and thy way prepared? No warning voice, no harbinger was thine— Danger and fear seemed past—but thou wert there!

Prophetic sounds along the earthquake's path—Foretold the hour of Nature's awful throe;

And the volcano, ere it burst in wrath,

Seeds forth some herald from its dread repose;

But thou, dear Spirit! swift and unconquerable, Canst like the lightning's flash, when heaven was all serene."

LORD BROTHAM, the English papers state, at a meeting of the Law Amendment Society, lately announced his intention to proceed to the United States, in January or February next, with a view to co-operate with the law reformers in this country, which had already distinguished itself in the science of jurisprudence.

NEW ENGLAND has expended \$70,000,000 in Railroads in four years.

JAMES COVERT, Esq. God save the Commonwealth

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PROCLAMATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several courts of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions of the peace, and Orphans' Court, Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery, and in the County of Northumberland, to commence at the Courthouse in the town of Sunbury, on the 10th instant, in the month of August next, will commence their sessions at the

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